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## VBT board delays Frazier penalty

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After almost three hours of pointing out every irritating thing Van Buren Township Trustee Sherry Frazier has done since she was elected -- besides being arrested for shoplifting on New Year's Eve -- fellow board members put off her punishment until the next meeting, which is May 15.

At their regular board meeting April 17, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara asked board members to email him suggestions on the punishment so he could put a resolution together for them to consider May 15.

That was after the board voted, 4-2, on a motion by McNamara, seconded by Clerk Leon Wright, to find her guilty of violating the board's ethics policy by being arrested for retail fraud, failing to notify the supervisor that she had been arrested, and taking credit for writing a story about VBT for the Michigan Township Association magazine.

Voting yes were McNamara, Wright, Treasurer Sharry Budd, and Trustee Reggie Miller. Voting no were Trustees Paul White and Kevin Martin. Frazier was not allowed to vote.

Supervisor McNamara had wanted to punish her at that meeting and made another motion himself, to cut off township funds to Frazier for the year so she couldn't attend the Michigan Township Association convention, April 23-26 at Grand Traverse Resort, and embarrass other board members as people from around the state pointed her out. But, he got no support for his motion.

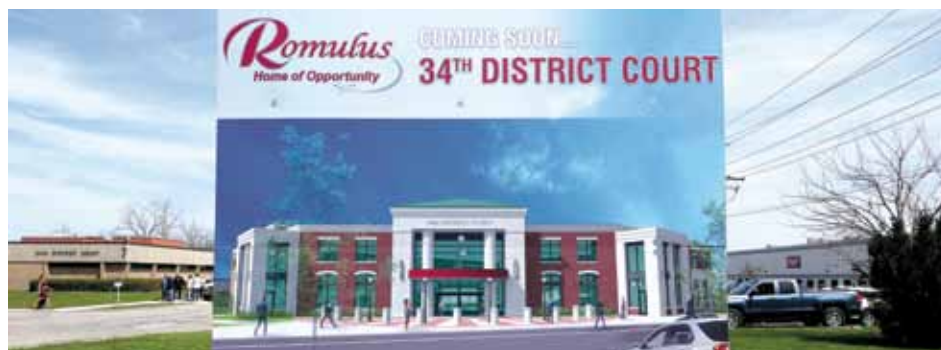
He said he has learned he could make a motion during a meeting, so he made those two motions himself.

Trustee Miller had moved her regular  
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Independent photos by James Otzman

At Monday's ground breaking for the 34th District Court's new building judges lined up with Romulus officials to ceremoniously use their shovels. From right are Judge Brian Oakley, Judge David Parrott, Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, Court Administrator/Magistrate Al Hindman, Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor Pro Tem John Barden, a representative of the contractor, and Councilman William Wadsworth. Judge Green told the crowd that gathered to witness the ceremony that this has been a long time coming with Hindman working on it for about seven and a half years. "It's about time, judge," said Mayor Burcroff. "Everyone will be very proud of the 34th District Court." The court covers five communities, but no officials attended from the city of Belleville or Van Buren Township. Judge Green welcomed a representative of the Michigan Supreme Court.



34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, left, digs a shovelful of dirt for the groundbreaking of the new court building with her son, Detroit Metropolitan Airport Police Officer Josh Green. Officer Green is heading for training to be a handler of a dog who sniffs for explosives.

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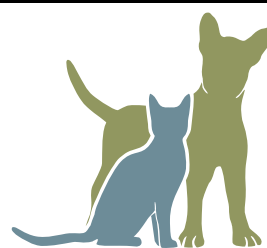
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The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees met April 17 to hear criticisms of Trustee Sherry Frazier and to possibly discipline her. From left are Trustee Frazier, Trustee Paul White, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Clerk Leon Wright, Trustee Kevin Martin, and Trustee Reggie Miller.

## Trustee Frazier

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seat at the board table that night before the meeting started, apparently because she didn't want to sit next to Frazier.

Trustee White said he was against denying her training essential to all trustees and officials.

"I think we should leave it as it is and move forward," said Trustee Martin.

"We tried this," McNamara said. "Somebody called Michigan State Police and said Adam Byrd ran illegal LEINs on Frazier." He said Officer Byrd was investigated and exonerated.

"It wasn't me," Frazier said. "Get your facts straight before you throw me under the bus."

John Delaney later said he was the one who called the Michigan State Police.

A Channel 4 cameraman recorded every minute of the two-hour-55-minute meeting and a reporter took notes.

VBT Police Officer Byrd, who said he was speaking as a resident, said he had been the one who called Channel 4 about Frazier, and he was proud of that. The news crew aggressively interviewed Frazier before the April 3 meeting about her arrest in Taylor, was at her arraignment in 23rd District Court in Taylor on April 4, and now was back.

Frazier's possible violation of the ethics policy was the only action item on the agenda that evening, until it was changed to include an amendment to the meeting conduct policy to allow for the procedure McNamara wanted. That was to allow each board member, except Frazier, to speak for ten minutes uninterrupted, each outlining their problems with Frazier, allow Frazier to speak for 20 minutes to defend herself, hold a board discussion (without Frazier), make a motion, and then consider discipline.

The VBT agenda allows public comment on agenda items only before agenda items are discussed.

Resident John Delaney, secretary of the VBT Local Development Finance Authority, said Frazier was given 20 minutes to speak while the rest of the board members pile on her for 60 minutes.

"You created this," Delaney said to McNamara, adding he required Lt. Charles Bazzzy to report to him and the "cut and paste" ethics policy was like a tenth grader would do on an essay.

He said the ethics policy being used is for employees and appointed officials, not elected officials and the item being used, Item 12, is about outside employment. He said they manipulated the language to fit.

Delaney charged the board paid its township attorney for 15 years for nothing since he didn't give them proper legal advice.

"You can't kick anyone off the board," Delaney said, noting there was a large number of voters who elected her in the last election.

"This is a dog and pony show," Delaney said. "It hasn't been adjudicated and it can't get adjudicated until May."

McNamara had asked board members to write out their complaints about Frazier.

"This kangaroo court needs to stop," Delaney said and McNamara shut him down for speaking more than the three minutes allowed.

Next speaker was Police Officer Adam Byrd who said he called the media and said, "I believe political figures live in glass houses ... I believe your employees are watching ... Ms. Frazier, I worked with you on the Public Safety Millage campaign ... Two previous times of retail fraud and possibly a third ... I ask you to step down."

A woman who did not give her name said if she speaks out she's worried she'll get a ticket from Officer Byrd. She said she feels he should not be involved and the board should not be so vindictive.

John Knappmann, an attorney speaking on behalf of Trustee Frazier, said she has not been convicted of anything. He questioned the board about to consider voting on a procedure so they can act on it.

He questioned them beating up on someone who is innocent until found guilty.

He said governmental officials like the board members should support the Constitution that says innocent until found guilty and not pursue personal political vendettas.

He said if she is found guilty they can punish her. But whatever they do today, will they take it back if she is not found guilty?

"I think not," he said.

"You already made up your mind without any discussion," Knappmann said.

McNamara said the special procedure was presented in the packet ahead of the meeting.

"We make a good point," said Frazier. "I don't see how you have 60 minutes and I have 20. And then, you have as much time as you want to discuss and I can't defend myself."

Carol Jones, who said she has lived in the township for seven years, said she heard the news about Frazier on WJR radio and saw the story in the *Independent* about the storm brewing.

She said the seriousness of the situation is "stealing" and "you don't do that."

She said there is dissension between board members, but you can't be in a bubble in your private life ... "You break the trust when you get involved in something like this ... You should step down based on that ... You have to be above all the other citizens."

Trustee White said the new agenda with the added amendment was placed on the table just before the meeting and the agenda he got doesn't have that new procedure to process Frazier.

McNamara said White received one and Wright said they sent it on Friday. White insisted he didn't get it in his box.

In the 5-2 vote to approve the addition to the agenda that outlined the way to list her wrongdoings, White and Frazier voted no.

White insisted the amended agenda was not in his mailbox and McNamara retorted, "You have that problem a lot."

"No, I don't," White replied.

"To say we had it over a week is incorrect," Frazier said, adding she got it on Friday.

McNamara said to Frazier that the previous Wednesday she said 20 minutes would be enough for her. Frazier replied, "You didn't say you were having a resolution."

McNamara said he had to have it to have the procedure for the meeting.

Frazier accused McNamara of having an exclusive board that excludes certain members of the board from information.

"You told me in the assessor's office that you have four votes ..." Frazier said to McNamara.

"I had four votes who wanted this meeting at once and I put it off until after the arraignment," McNamara said.

After the vote approving the procedure, McNamara read his lengthy complaint against Frazier and showed a clip of the March 6 meeting where Frazier took credit for a story in the MTA magazine.

When the clip didn't show properly, McNamara bellowed out, "Allie!" calling the director of the video department to come from her station down the hall fix it.

"To be fair, Trustee Frazier said two weeks later that she was kidding," McNamara said. (Actually, Frazier was in the township hall at 7:30 the next morning to apologize to the actual author of the story, Lisa Lothringer, who was out due to surgery, and to seek out DDA Director Susan Ireland, who was away at a conference.)

Then the complaints came from the board members.

Clerk Wright complained that Frazier pushed him. He said he waited 20 days for an apology and then reported it to the Human Resources Department. On March 13 he filed a police report. He said Frazier admitted she "shoved me aside" in the *Independent*.

At that point, Wright's wife applauded her husband's remarks, along with Jones who was seated next to her.

Treasurer Budd read the letter she wrote complaining about Frazier's lying and shoplifting.

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Ban convinces Sumpter attorney to look into 48111

"I'll take a look at it," Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young said to resident Mary Ban, who once more asked the township board to have the attorney prepare a resolution for them to pass on the 48111 problem. At Tuesday's regular Sumpter meeting, she said her son's new title to his truck says he lives in Van Buren Township, but he lives in Sumpter. This is the family's latest problem in a string of address problems. And, they are not alone.

Ban said she has talked to VBT Clerk Wright who unilaterally effected the VBT address change in the 48111 zip code that has gone out of control. He said he would fix her problem, but it has gotten worse and he no longer returns her calls. Ban said she believes VBT Supervisor McNamara must have approve Wright's 48111 decision to go ahead.

"He wanted to make VBT a premier community," Ban told the Sumpter board, referring to Wright. "Well, I think Sumpter Township is a premier community with 'Country Living at its Finest'."

She asked the board to help resolve the problem of Sumpter residents being identified with VBT addresses. Attorney Young said also has had complaints about shipments that don't get sent and other problems. Young said he would "try to pull something together" to present to the board. The 48111 snafu has affected many people negatively. Is it too late to fix it?

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader called to thank us for putting some Romulus news in the *Independent* from time to time. She wants more Romulus news. She really misses the *Little Paper* that used to be published and concentrated on Romulus news.

She's right. Romulus has so much going on that it really needs its own paper. We have enough trouble trying to keep up with our three communities and schools boards. A lot is going on here, too.

I told her to try to find somebody to start a paper in Romulus.

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A man who lives near Riggs Heritage Park on Martinsville Road in Van Buren Township tells me that the vandalism started in late 2016 on that park and then they never opened the rest rooms after that. In 2017 he said went into the Parks office at the township to ask about when they would reopen the rest rooms and at that time they told him they were waiting for estimates from contractors. But, it never opened.

He said he cleaned up all the glass that was left around the building because he and his wife ride bikes through there. But then the glass debris was back again.

He said once the picture of the damage was printed in the *Independent*, the township came out and cleaned up the glass. It's still all boarded up.

"They need to open those restrooms," the man stated. His wife won't go for walks in the park any more because she needs a restroom nearby.

When I asked the township about it a few weeks ago I was told they had lined up a contractor to do the work on the windows.

I bet they'll eventually get them fixed for



the portion of the Iron Belle Trail hiking/biking trail that is supposed to end at Riggs Park.

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A Sumpter Township reader said she got a phone call from a national magazine company that she had a chance to win a huge amount of money and she could have it all at once or over 10 years. Since she was in Brighton, she took the information over to the Brighton Michigan State Police Post, who had helped her friend with a scam call in the past.

When she took the information to the post, a trooper called the number and talked to the man who had called her. The man said he could win a diamond ring by subscribing to a magazine.

The trooper identified himself as being from the Michigan State Police and told the man this was a scam and he was never to bother this lady again.

Our reader was impressed with how the trooper handled it and wanted others to know what could be done.

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Nelson Po of Sumpter Township came to see me to say he didn't like what was printed in last week's *Independent* from Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke, who gave awards to officers for "contribution to the successful outcome of the 'Nelson Po case' (#16-02283). Their contributions as a whole led to his guilty plea in the criminal case, in addition to successful civil court outcomes

confirming the department's actions as lawful and proper in both the department's civil action against Mr. Po and his civil actions against the department."

Nelson showed me the signed court order that said he pled guilty to a criminal misdemeanor charge of "attempt" to grow too much marijuana, not the felony charged against him, and his punishment was one year of probation, not several years of prison. Judge Boykin also ordered that Po "may grow marijuana within the state statute."

Nelson said he plans to run for Sumpter Supervisor in the 2020 election and if he wins he will shut down his growing of marijuana and will concentrate on improving Sumpter Township.

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In a related matter, Ronald Barrington Robinson, who has filed to run for treasurer of Sumpter Township in the August primary, reports that he attended his court date at 34th District Court on Tuesday morning to fight a Sumpter ticket for parking his trailer on his property.

He said his attorney Ronald Ruark filed a motion to dismiss and Judge Parrott set a motion hearing for 11 a.m., June 26, to consider the motion. Robinson said he is fighting this all the way.



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## Letters

### Response to Katie Dallos letter on 'under God'

To the editor:

In my address to the students of Belleville High School at their recent Robotics competition, I reminded them of how fortunate they are to have the time to study and play together, in a free and blessed nation, as established by our forefathers. Many thought my words, though coming from a Catholic Priest in a public setting, to be appropriate and welcome. It was with surprise, then, that I read the letter written by the Director of the Belleville Area Museum, Katie Dallos, suggesting that my prayer and the blessing offered at the school were historically incorrect.

As proof of her desire not to skew our "knowledge of historical fact," the director proceeded to show that the words "under God" found in our country's Pledge of Allegiance, or the words "In God We Trust" printed on our currency, were later additions. While what she points out is true, I do not recall referencing the words of our pledge or those printed on our currency in my talk. What I did speak about was that our nation was founded by men of prayer and who did so *under God*. As a historian myself and former teacher of over 30 years, I stand by those words.

Although the precise words of the prayer uttered by General George Washington at Valley Forge during the fateful winter of 1777-1778 have long been the subject of debate, the fact that Washington was a prayerful man, then and as President, has not.

The same is true of other early U.S. Presidents, such as Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, and Abraham Lincoln. Each of them composed prayers for our nation, in times of war and peace, calling upon God's help for the protection and prosperity of our people. It was that faith which imbued these men with a sense of humility before God and trust in the efficacy of prayer that aided them in setting a moral compass that has served our nation well over these past 200-some years.

Indeed, every President to this day, at the moment they are sworn into office, with one hand placed on a Bible and the other raised in oath, ends speaking the words, "so help me God." It was these same words that were spoken before both Houses of Congress by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Dec. 8, 1941, promising victory over an aggressive enemy that bombed our Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor.

We are fortunate to live in a society where the free exchange of ideas is encouraged and can be expressed in our press. Not to have

such opportunities would be a disservice, especially to our youth, who look to us for good example and right guidance. I am grateful to those at Belleville High School who invited me to speak and to bless their Robotics competition on March 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Fr. John J. Kiselica  
Pastor of St. Anthony's Church  
Belleville

### Belleville Pro Hardware plays vital role

To the editor:

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John Douglas Peters  
Van Buren Township/Belleville

### VBT women honored at St. Joseph Hospital

To the editor:

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### Trustee Frazier, please step down from board

To the editor,

About 40 years ago a long time public servant was talking to a group of political students about events at that time concerning public officials. I read this story when I was in college and today in our community it still makes sense. When a public official is just accused of or is arrested for a crime they will face one or two different types of courts.

One will be the legal court where a Judge and or Jury will decide their fate. He also reminded the students that this court is about rights, laws and maneuvers and not always to determine if a crime was committed. Defense lawyers will try to get the best deal for their clients as possible. They will try to get evidence thrown out and make sure our rights as citizens are protected; this is the basis of our constitution which we all should agree with. But in many cases they also plead down to a lesser offense; this does not mean a crime was not committed just was what deal was made. A person can go from robbery to trespassing as an example. What the person was talking to the students about was Watergate. President Nixon was never convicted of a crime, but that does not mean he did not commit one. There was a case at Kmart in 5/2009 that was reported in the *Independent* where Ms. Frazier paid a civil infraction and the case was dismissed.

The other court, and in my opinion the most important, is the Court of Public Opinion, and when it deals with public officials. This is based on Free Speech and Freedom of the Press that our constitution holds so dear. It is the one court that we as private citizens are able to keep our public officials on their toes between elections. It is based on facts at the time and must be done in a short time after the incident and not wait months and years as it takes our legal system to move. The reason it is the most important court because it tells our public officials that they are there to serve and represent us.

Now at the board meeting on the 17th I kept hearing from trustees "I did not see or I don't have proof." To the board let me remind you are not a jury in a legal trial but our representatives and this is part of an important function of our Public Trust for all of you, not just the accused. So the question I ask is who do you believe and trust? It is up for you to say I believe a public official or not? If two or more have a different story then decide on what or who you believe based on information and trust. If you can't do that then how do we trust your judgment in other matters because we elected you to make those type of decisions? Remember even in a jury trial a juror did not see the offense; they hear testimony, they see evidence, some times just documentation and make a

determination on that.

One of the things that really bothers me is when a public official uses the stance "I have been advised by my legal team not to talk about it because it is in legal proceedings." I understand if this was a civil case or just an accusation without arrest then, yes, don't say anything to jeopardize yourself. But this was a case that the official was arrested and even though I understand it is your right as a citizen not to incriminate yourself, it is a different matter. If at that point a public official is arrested but can't talk about it then it becomes a matter of Public Trust. For that reason I respectfully would ask that public official to step away from your position. The reason between them is if someone is arrested, there was enough evidence to do that and enough to bring it to trial.

Ms. Frazier, the other thing that ended my trust is withholding the incident not only from other board members but from the

people who elected you. Why could you not say right after it happened, "this is what happened and I am sorry for the incident, but I can't say anymore 'til later" to the people who voted for you. Waiting until the news or what ever else broke the story is a violation of trust in my opinion. As a parent it is like when we find out one of our kids broke the neighbor's window two weeks later from someone else. The child could say they are sorry but does it mean as much to us as if our child came home that day and said what happened? We would be upset with them and they would have to pay restitution and whatever penalty they had, but we would trust them for standing up and taking their medicine.

So please, as a servant for the community and more important, yourself, please step down. Take care of the matter before you and let the community move on to the day-to-day work it needs to. I pray for you and hope things work out and in 2020 if you

are ready run again then you can ask the voters to elect you. You said in your speech teaching our children right from wrong has been a priority for you; here is your chance to show them.

Allen Babosh

Van Buren Township resident

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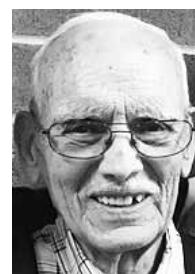
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# Obituaries



Charles Milo Mason, Jr.

## CHARLES MILO MASON, JR.

(October 4, 1929 – April 23, 2018)

Age 88, a longtime Belleville-area resident, died peacefully early Monday morning, April 23, 2108.

Charles is the beloved husband of the late Madelyn (d.2001); proud father of Denise (George) Dickerson of Belleville and Jeff (Millie) Mason of Canton; cherished grandfather of Heather (Bill) Curl of Kalamazoo, Leslee (Jason) Faulkner of Belleville, Matthew Dickerson of Carleton, Josh Mason of Canton. Mr. Mason is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Christopher, Nathan, Madelynne and Mikayla; siblings, Richard Mason of Ida, Bess Kurtz of Trout Lake, Joyce Galliher of Flat Rock and Nancy Swearing of Trenton.

Born on October 4, 1929 to Charles and Ruth Mason of Ecorse, Mr. Mason proudly served his country in the United States Army, stationed in Germany during the Korean War. Charles enjoyed playing poker and taking trips to the casino, spending time outdoors and seeing his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services with military honors rendered, have been arranged for 11:00 AM, Saturday, April 28, 2018 in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734)-697-4500. Visiting hours have been arranged for Friday from 2 until 8 PM also at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the American Lung Association or to Arbor Hospice.



## JAMES ARTHUR LaPORTE

(October 26, 1945 – April 17, 2018)

Age 72, of Westland. Died suddenly in Knoxville, TN. Survived by wife Karen; 3 children; 4 sisters; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. David C. Brown Funeral Home. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



Robert Edward "Buddy" Dobbins

## ROBERT EDWARD 'BUDDY' DOBBINS

(August 23, 1956 - April 14, 2018)

Robert Edward "Buddy" Dobbins, age 61 of Huntsville, AL (formerly of Belleville) passed away at his son's residence on Saturday, April 14, 2018 after a short illness.

Buddy was born in Ypsilanti, MI on August 23, 1956 to Edward Gray and Betty Jean (Burton) Dobbins. He moved to Alabama approximately 20 years ago where he resided until his death.

Buddy was preceded in death by the love of his life, Mary Blair, the mother of their children; his parents Edward and Betty; a sister Rose Marie; his brother Gary Wayne; and his daughter Deanna Lynn.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Kristy Dobbins; three sisters, Barbara (Tom) Havera, Linda (Butch) Roupe, Melissa Dobbins, as well as many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by Margie Miller who had a special place in his heart as his "mother-in-law", and other members of Mary Blair's family that were also close to his heart throughout the years.

If you knew Buddy, you will want to know he went out of this life like he lived it, maintaining as much independence as he could (and threatening to kick everyone's butt) until the very end. He died peacefully with his son and daughter-in-law by his side.

Cremation rites were performed and the family is planning a small private memorial in the future.

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# Obituaries



Halyna McLean

## HALYNA MCLEAN

(August 11, 1947 - April 17, 2018)

Halyna (Helen), age 70, passed away at home surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was born August 11, 1947 in Germany (in a DP Camp). Daughter of Paul and Pauline (Dykjy) Kotowsky.

She graduated from Kimball High School in 1965 in Royal Oak, MI. She worked as a Cosmetologist and Health Care worker (CNA). Helen was the proud mother of four children Paula (David) Chudzinski of Belleville, Ronald (Lisa) Olsen of Kentwood, Jamie Kelly of Petoskey, and Dawn (Tim) Baggs of Kalkaska, MI; 12 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; sister of Walter (Cathy) Bohdan, Paul (Sandra) Kotowsky and George (Lori) Kotowsky, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her husband Thomas McLean, parents Paul and Pauline Kotowsky, and brother and sister-in-law Paul and Sandy Kotowsky.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in June.



Viola Smith

## VIOLA SMITH

(October 1, 1922 - April 21, 2018)

Viola Smith, age 95, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Cedar Woods Assisted Living Center, Van Buren Township, MI. She was born October 1, 1922 in Ethridge, Tennessee, daughter of John Horace & Mary Emmaline Henson.

Mrs. Smith enjoyed sewing and canning. She was a hard-working woman, who always remained positive, even on a rainy day.

Viola is survived by seven children: Joe (Diane) Smith of Tennessee, Brenda (Ralph) Turner, Carroll (Jeannie) Smith, Curtis (Stephanie) Smith, Kathy (Leroy) Paige, Randy (Tena) Smith and Dreama (Carl) Arnett, all of Belleville, MI. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ian D. Smith on March 9, 2007, two sisters, three brothers, and two granddaughters Angela Marie Smith and Clarise Lynn Arnett.

A funeral service was held at 1 PM Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, with visitation 12-1 PM. Interment was in Otisville Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Rose Anne Bazzell

## ROSE ANNE BAZZELL

(June 25, 1938 - April 14, 2018)

Rose Anne Bazzell, 79, of Lake Wales, FL, passed away Saturday, April 14, 2018 at her residence.

She was born June 25, 1938 in Detroit, MI, to the late Albert and Lena (Eckert) Mida. She graduated from Belleville High School in 1957. She had been a resident of the Lake Wales area since coming from Michigan in 2002. She was a homemaker, of the Lutheran faith, and a member of the Astral Rebekah Lodge in Michigan.

She is survived by her daughters Deborah Schimelfening of Lake Wales, FL, Donna Harper of Redford, MI, and Darlene (Tom) Goachee of Garden City, MI; sister Lois Mida Zilka of Canton, MI; brother Roland Mida of San Angelo, TX; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were by Marion Nelson Funeral Home, Inc., Lake Wales, FL.

## Faith Assembly opens doors for National Day of Prayer on May 3

Faith Assembly church, 894 East Huron River Drive, Belleville, is opening its doors to the public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, for its 12th-annual National Day of Prayer observance.

Prayer pamphlets will be available.

Pastor Douglas Valentine asks members of the public to please take time out of their busy schedules to uphold in prayer the President, military forces, and other leaders in public service.

## Annual Perennial Plant Swap, Used Book Sale set

Rain or shine, the Friends of the Library will be holding their Annual Perennial Plant Swap on Saturday, May 5, noon to 1 p.m. in the Belleville Area District Library Courtyard on the corner of Fourth and Charles streets.

Adults and children are invited to bring perennials to swap. Plants should be in small labeled containers to exchange. Garden-related door prizes from local businesses will be given away.

The plant swap will be in cooperation with the members of the Belleville Area Garden

Club. Master gardeners will be available for questions and gardening hints.

The Friends will also be holding the Spring Used Book Sale on Saturday, noon to 3 p.m. in the program room of the library. Books will be "Buy One, Get One Free." There will be a members-only preview sale 11 a.m. - noon. Membership applications will be available at the door.

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## More Letters

### Community helps homeless man after fire

To the editor:

On Friday the Belleville Fire Department was called out for a structure fire behind the car wash on Sumpter Road. The gentlemen that had a make-shift shelter in the woods lost everything including his paycheck for some work he did in town.

That night Jackie Kuclo posted on the local Facebook page asking if any one could help this person with donations and let me tell you it was amazing to her and I both the amount of people that were willing to help him out.

I am full of pride for our small, but big-hearted town of Belleville. Thank you, everyone, for caring for someone you most likely have never talked to.

Christopher Zweng  
Belleville Fire Department

### Thanks for helping to support seminarians

To the editor:

St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 6549, Knights of Columbus, New Boston, MI, and St. Anthony Men's Club of Belleville, MI, would like to thank donors who made our dinner a great success. Money raised will go to support seminarians on their way to priesthood. We had 150 people come for dinner and a Chinese raffle.

Thank you to the following merchants who donated gifts for the Chinese raffle: Father John Kiselica, Joe Williams, *Belleville-Area Independent*, a local artist and member of St. Anthony's, DiPietro & Day PC, Kutz Barbershop, Jet's Pizza, Leo's Coney Island, Curves of Belleville, Dave's Treasure Trove, NAPA, SMC Products, Sam's restaurant, Michigan PC Tech, Brian Killingbeck, Chip and Rachel Faitel, Jack Demmer Ford (Ted Wisniewski), Gigi's Mode Boutique, and Sumpter Ace Hardware and John Zaroff.

We raised \$2,000 to be donated to the seminarians.

We would also like to thank Martin Church for catering the meal, the Boy Scouts, American Heritage Girls and all the other volunteers that helped make this a great success.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Council #6549 and St. Anthony Men's Club  
William D. Short, F.S.

### National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 3

To the editor:

A reminder of our nation's annual National Day of Prayer which will be celebrated on Thursday, May 3, within every State, Township and City across our entire nation. I dislike having to remind our local Tri-Community citizenry that our nation is in turmoil and severely divided. Now is the time, as perhaps never before, to seek God's forgiveness and petition Him for wisdom and direction as we confront the many challenges ahead.

In recognition of the fact that our Almighty God is a loving and forgiving Father, He continues to shed His grace on our beloved nation. I earnestly pray and urge Americans everywhere, especially in our own surrounding communities, to come before Him - in unity and earnest prayer. Not merely on this special National

Day of Prayer, but every day, let us all pray everywhere, IN UNITY and in Jesus' name: Hear our prayers dear Lord and heal our nation.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker  
Belleville

### Thanks to St. Jude

To the editor:

I would like to "Thank St. Jude." Say this prayer nine times a day -- by the eighth day your prayer will be answered.

St. Jude Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, keeper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Thank you, St. Jude  
S.J., Wayne, MI

### League of Women Voters to meet May 2 at Trinity Episcopal Church

The Belleville Unit of the Northwest Wayne County League of Women Voters will meet at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville, MI, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 2.

The meeting is open to all who are members of the League and to those who are interested in the work of the League.

The meeting will present information on the League ballot initiative called "Promote the Vote," regarding easier voter registration, early voting, and easier absentee voting. The group will also see a brief movie "Michigan Divided" as produced by Center for Michigan, an organization that produces Bridge Magazine. Discussion will follow. Light Refreshments. All are welcome.

The Belleville Area Unit of the League was formed in January of 2016.

Questions? Call Barbara Miller (734) 697-4455 (law office) or evening (734) 516-0025 (cell phone).



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# Belleville City Council honors BHS Robotics Team for competition

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

A group of Belleville High School students who are a part of the FIRST Robotics Team that recently hosted a large district competition at BHS were honored with certificates of praise by the Belleville City Council at its April 16 meeting.

The meeting was held at city hall which had no power due to the weekend storm but strategically placed LED lanterns lit the meeting room enough for the presentation, one of the few items on the agenda.

Mayor Kerreen Conley thanked the students for all their work and for showing off the city of Belleville to more than a thousand visitors. She read a special Resolution and then presented each student present with a Resolution and sent along extra copies for those who couldn't make the meeting.

In other business at the 20-minute meeting, the council:

- Was informed by City Manager Diana Kollmeyer that a mock city website has been received from Townweb and they hope to get the new website up soon. She said it would have been very handy



The Belleville City Council held its regular meeting on April 16 in city hall that had no electricity due to the week end storm. The council table was lighted by LED lanterns. From left are Councilman Jesse Marcotte, Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria, Mayor Kerreen Conley, and Councilmen Tom Smith and Tom Fielder.

to have a website that day when city hall was closed because there was no electrical power. She said, actually, the whole town was closed because of no power;

- Learned Building Official Rick

Rutherford, who was not present at the meeting, reported a large number of questions on the bids received for the seawall repairs at Doane's Landing. She expects to have a written report from Rutherford shortly and will mail copies of it out to the council; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$136,842.01 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Oakland County, \$2,768.50 in CLEMIS fees from general fund/police; to Wayne County, \$2,135 for lodging at Dickerson jail from general fund/police; to Bio-Care Inc., \$710 for Hazmat team member physical, from general fund/fire; and to Cadillac Asphalt, \$525 for road repair after a water/sewer main break from the Water fund.



*Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman*

At its April 16 meeting, the Belleville City Council honored members of the Belleville High School Robotics team that recently hosted and participated in the FIRST Robotics district competition. The electricity was out at city hall due to the weekend storm, but the council met anyway and Mayor Kerreen Conley presented signed certificates to all the members.

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# Trustee Frazier

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Trustee Martin said the allegation of pushing and taking credit for the article was not enough to say she violated the ethics policy.

"I have struggled with what to say tonight," Martin said, noting he has watched Frazier's behavior and, "You flipped my name over" because you didn't like the way they were seated at their first meeting.

"You're struggling with something and we would help you if you would just reach out for help," Martin said.

Trustee Miller read her letter of complaint and said the board needs to set standards

and it's not OK to shoplift. She said in the police report from Taylor Frazier admitted to it. Miller said Frazier did not uphold high standards and lacks sound judgment, and, "I believe she is guilty of misconduct in office."

Miller said she was with Frazier when the alleged pushing of Wright occurred and, "I did not see Ms. Frazier push Leon Wright. She put out her arm..."

Trustee White said Frazier is innocent until proven guilty and, "I think this is premature ... We should not be sitting in judgment ... In the U.S. you're always innocent until proven guilty ... She is very outspoken and is not afraid to challenge any member on the board..."

He said in court if there is not a

unanimous guilty vote by the jury, there is no conviction.

White pointed out Clerk Wright did withdraw his assault charge against Frazier after her criminal background check was run.

"This board is supposed to decide a penalty, but there is nothing in the policy," White said. "We are going to make up a penalty blah, blah, blah ... It's in violation of the ethics policy to create a penalty ... The penalty is the residents. It's up to the residents to determine a penalty. We have to always remember we work for the people."

Supervisor McNamara took his turn to critique Frazier's actions. He apologized to the community.

"We would not be here if she apologized, accepted personal responsibility and taken time off to get some help," McNamara said. "She has dragged this entire community into the mud..."

He said the argument at the first meeting over the seating arrangement caused them to set up team building workshops. She has been more abusive since Macy's and her actions are escalating causing all but one board member to come to him and some feared for their own personal safety, he said.

McNamara said on Feb. 22 he sent a private letter to Frazier asking her to mend her ways and not hit people and that was before discovering the Macy's incident.

Treasurer Budd had complained about an uproar she said Frazier caused in her department and McNamara said, "You were way out of bounds when you screamed." He said she had just attended a Respect in the Workplace seminar.

"You can't hit board members," he said. "I thought this would end it." He repeated that Frazier lied about the article.

Wright repeated that he contacted the police department.

McNamara said the township never adopted a policy on misconduct in office.

He listed four things he felt violated the ethics policy: pushing Wright, repeatedly taking credit for the MTA article, failing to notify the supervisor of her arrest, and the Dec. 31 act of shoplifting.

"I believe she has an issue that needs help," McNamara said. "She walked by 10 cashiers ... She admitted she stole the

items.

"It has pained me to write this down. This board will not tolerate this..." he said.

Then, it was Frazier's time to respond.

"I've really been dumped on, accusation after accusation," she began. She said when the incident with Wright occurred, four board members were walking through the door and Wright turned around abruptly. Frazier said she said, "Please, get out of my face." Then, she brushed Trustee Miller and exited out the other door, she said. She said Wright has two versions of what happened and one was on the police statement.

She said someone asked the Michigan State Police who had run LEINs against her. She said she had called the police about two dogs barking next door, one crying out. She said Adam Byrd pulled up in her driveway and was asking her questions about her middle initial and other details.

"Adam Byrd doesn't like me ... He has an interest in a business the township does business with ... When you're strongly outspoken, people either love you or hate you ... I got along with the board members ... This whole thing is a rush to judgment..."

"I was advised by my attorney not to speak about the incident ... and was told not to bring it to the supervisor until after you go to court ... I said I would bring it to your attention after my court date.

"The vindictiveness is quite apparent ... I took credit for the article. Trustee White knew I was being facetious ... Two board members knew who published the article -- Ms. Budd and Supervisor McNamara who sits on the DDA."

She said Clerk Wright waited two weeks to report his accusation of assault.

Frazier said the Taylor and VBT police were shooting at Top Gun and Taylor said "We got something on Frazier" ... The workplace violence report was immediate. He waited to do it. Now, this case is closed because Wright dropped the charges.

"Lt. Buzzy told me there was absolutely no credence to the charge by Leon. The prosecutor wouldn't authorize," she said.

She said Clerk Wright is upset with her for being against his out-of-country trip.

"He takes his wife with him ... One meal costs \$103... This caught my attention ... He admitted it was for him and his wife ...

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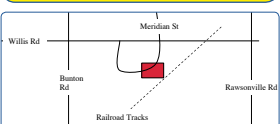
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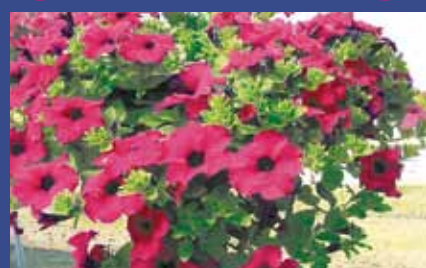
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## Trustee Frazier

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He is a 10-year, seasoned, elected official ... He knows they should get separate checks ... It was only after I brought it up ... There were no questions by the supervisor or Treasurer Budd... His passport ... no questions except from myself ... Miller and White thought it was unnecessary to pay for an employee's ID ... after four months, he finally paid for it ...”

She said nowhere on the voucher list did it say he reimbursed the township for the meal.

“You're stealing from the township coffers, and Supervisor McNamara and Treasurer Budd are cohorts ... I'm all for education ... I served on the school board for 16 years, proudly ... To say I don't approve of the clerk getting education is wrong ... Supervisor McNamara, I'm disappointed in your demeanor...”

She said at the recent Chamber of Commerce event at WCCC, McNamara showed a promotion for the township that had one bad picture of the board and a picture of Wright as Man of the Year on the cover of Time Magazine and a caricature of Budd dancing.

She said Supervisor McNamara is coached by Treasurer Budd, who really runs the township, and they say to Clerk Wright, “Do whatever you want. It's no problem.”

As to the incident in the treasurer's office,

Frazier said she and Deputy Treasurer Sean Bellingham had just gotten out of a class together. She said she asked for Budd, but she wasn't in. She gave her personal phone number to the clerk and asked Bellingham to call her.

She said then she got a call from McNamara demanding she go through normal channels to get information from the treasurer's office. She said they know who put in the complaint.

Frazier said as a realtor she had a problem with a client's property and she wanted to ask Bellingham who he uses to clean his septic tank.

Frazier said Budd complained and the next day Budd said she told Matt Best. She said Frazier had to go through Dan Selman, McNamara's assistant.

Frazier gave some of her time for comment to her attorney Knappmann, who said he worked in government for 25 years and had been with the prosecutor's office.

He said he remembers when McNamara first got elected and when he was on the Schoolcraft Board. Knappmann said he was on the township board in Brownstown.

He said if he had a client accused of something, he'd have to get an order from a judge to get the police report from the police department. But somehow a copy of the Taylor report was distributed to the public free of charge only to embarrass Frazier.

He said the same law firm that gives municipal advice in Taylor and VBT was going to prosecute Frazier. After talking to them, now another firm Taylor uses will be doing the prosecution.

He said the township is spending lots of money on this board prosecution of Frazier and Frazier had to do her own spending.

He said the board is saying: “We don't like her and we want to recommend this.”

Then the board discussion began, with Wright saying he gave Frazier 20 days to apologize and she didn't and Frazier replied, “I didn't push you.”

Wright said he didn't withdraw the charge and then talked about how honest he is.

Budd said she told Selman “if you see Sherry” tell her to go through the proper channels.

After discussion of the charges the board passed a 5-2 motion to find her guilty of retail fraud on Dec. 31, failing to notify the supervisor about it, and taking credit for the MTA article. Then it went into the penalty phase of discussion.

McNamara said there are not a lot of penalties available to them. They can't remove an elected official from office unless the state gets involved.

He said they could formally censure her or make a statement that she will not represent to speak on behalf of the board, remove her from the Water and Sewer Commission that McNamara had appointed her to, and take away any travel or education funding.

“The community is in such an uproar,” McNamara said. “She doesn't realize.”

“I'm not going to a MTA seminar ... It would be the talk of the convention ... embarrass us ... They will point to her and say there she is...” he said.

“I'd love to see some progress,” McNamara said of the penalty phase.

That's when Frazier apologized.

“I regret that I find myself embarrassing my family, my friends, and the township... My dad always told us an apology takes courage because people may find it as a sign of weakness ... shows my vulnerabilities ... people on the board used blackmail to get me ... I was fully intending to let the supervisor know after my day in court ... I have dedicated my life to serving in education in the community ... I've learned a valuable lesson ... It's not how we make mistakes, but how we deal with them ... We have to step up ... I still believe mistakes are forgivable ... Tough things happen and you have to rise above it... It's how we use our lives that counts....

“All I can do is apologize. I have not had my day in court. I have sought counseling to understand why this happened... It takes a big person to forgive. I'm asking board

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# Trustee Frazier

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members and the community to forgive me...

"It's important to not let people down ... I humbly ask your forgiveness ... I want to rebuild your trust ... My goal is to move forward. I haven't come this far to run the other way... VBT is the best community to raise a family in..."

She said early in her career as an elementary school teacher she brought the Berenstain Bears to her students. In one book it said: "It's never too late to correct a mistake. We all make them."

"I believe I made a difference before in this community... I'm committed to serve my community and help make a difference," she concluded, with tears flowing.

McNamara asked if she wanted a recess and she said she did and he called a recess at 9:06 p.m. McNamara went to confer with his attorney. Frazier talked to hers.

When they reconvened at 9:15 p.m., McNamara reminded them they were still in the penalty phase.

"We just had an apology to the community and she's getting counseling," McNamara said. "Should we put it off until after the trial?"

But, McNamara made the motion to revoke payment of her expenses to attend the MTA convention and for a year and Frazier asked if she could pay her own way.

"I can't stop you if you pay yourself," McNamara said, and Delaney called out from the audience that he would pay her

fees.

Wright said it makes no sense to say you won't pay if she can pay for herself or somebody else can pay.

"Sounds like we have a split board," Wright said. "We're not having a trial ... not trying to cause harm to anyone ... she should go to the MTA and listen to what it teaches and come back to do it ... her accusatory statements are not true ... If we can't treat each other well, how can we treat our constituents well?"

He said the "I got you" moments have got to stop. "I've always believed in second chances and challenge the board to speak to each other ... Tuesday at 7 p.m. is not the time..."

Miller said she agrees that Trustee Frazier violated the policy but she should be allowed her day in court.

McNamara withdrew his motion for lack of support.

"I believe no penalty is not right," he said.

White said he would like to see 7-0 votes most of the time, but to prevent "gotcha's" people shouldn't put themselves into that position. He said the board would be lacking in denying her education.

McNamara then said the penalty phase actually was a discussion item for the public to weigh in and to prepare a resolution to consider at the next meeting.

"The board appears to want to wait until after the court session," he said. "Everyone knows there should be a penalty, but I don't have support."

"We voted a violation occurred," Wright said.

"She cannot be removed for this,"

McNamara said.

Delaney said the board has tied a noose around her neck and will drag her around until May.

"I'm an appointed official in this township and I don't have to follow this policy," Delaney said. "It only works for at-will, appointed, and employees ... What you need is a new policy that says elected officials. Not give her money to do her job? Shame on you," Delaney said.

He said the situation with Greco and Associates shows a lot of garbage is going on, referring to someone from the township's law firm being the one to prosecute her in Taylor.

"Get it done tonight or next week and be done," Delaney said.

Adam Byrd said there does need to be a penalty. "Wrong is wrong and discipline has to follow."

The unidentified lady asked the board members to look into themselves before doing any penalization.

Delaney said Byrd can't say he's not here as a police officer, since police officers are police officers 24/7. It doesn't work to say he's talking as a citizen, he said.

Former VBT Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan said police officers have rights. He said it is his opinion they have a policy for salaried personnel. He recommended they put together a tight board policy because this policy is so loose.

"I'm not in favor of waiting until May," Miller said, saying it should be placed on

the next agenda. (Actually, the next regular meeting is May 15.)

Wright agreed with Miller, saying he didn't think what they were doing had anything to do with the court case.

"I would ask for an apology for that incident," Wright said.

After more discussion, Miller said the MTA teaches not to make decisions late at night and since it was almost 10 p.m., she suggested they not vote then. The meeting adjourned.

The only VBT board meetings in May are 4 p.m. May 14 for the work/study session and 7 p.m. May 15 for the regular meeting. The last two work/study sessions were cancelled by McNamara.

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The current three office holders were appointed and must face the voters for the rest of their terms, which runs through 2020.

Filing for clerk are incumbent clerk Esther Hurst, present Trustee Sheena Barnes, and Toni Clark, all Democrats.

Filing for treasurer are incumbent treasurer Peggy Morgan, Ken Bednark, and Ronald Barrington Robinson, all Democrats.

Filing for trustee are Antoine Jordan, Jay W. Bardell, II, Jennifer Price, Kit Denise Dewyer, all Democrats, and Andrew Slovik, with no party affiliation, and Timothy Rush, Republican.

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## Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, April 26** – Belleville National Strawberry Festival meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Victory Station at Five Points. Help plan this year's festival.
- **Friday, April 27** – Induction ceremonies for the Belleville High School Honor Society and the BHS Distinguished Graduates at 7 p.m. at the BHS Auditorium. Preceded by 5 p.m. dinner for all Distinguished Graduates and others in the BHS Commons and a 6 p.m. tour of BHS. Call BHS at 697-9133 for info.
- **Saturday, April 28** -- Belleville Rotary Club invites you to help clean up the West Boat Launch on Rawsonville Road to celebrate Earth Day from noon to 2 p.m. The ramp is north of W. Huron River Drive on the east side of the road. Bring gloves and water and wear appropriate clothing.
- **Saturday, April 28** -- "What a Wonderful World" spring concert for the

Belleville Community Chorus begins at 7 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville. Free.

- **Sunday, April 29** – Free Sunday Music, 2-5 p.m., at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Southern Express. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918.
- **Monday, April 30** – State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, will hold a coffee hour with constituents from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Browntown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph Rd., Brownstown Charter Township. Among other areas, he represents the tri-community.
- **Thursday, May 3, and Friday, May 4** -- September Days Senior Center is holding its annual Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with all proceeds benefitting the senior center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township.
- **Saturday, May 5** -- Annual Perennial Plant Swap will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library

Courtyard sponsored by the Friends of the Library in cooperation with the Belleville Area Garden Club. Adults and children are invited to bring perennials to swap.

- **Saturday, May 5** -- Friends of the Library Used Book Sale at the Belleville Area District Library, noon to 3 p.m. Buy One, Get One Free. Friends may shop early beginning at 11 a.m. All proceeds benefit the library.
- **Saturday, May 5** -- Annual clean up of the lakeshore by the BYC and volunteers. Starts on North Liberty Street on the lake.
- **Wednesday, May 9** -- Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, 5 p.m. until sold out. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person; children 12 and under \$5 each. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea, milk. Information: (734) 654-9020.
- **Sunday, May 13** – Free Sunday Music, 2-5 p.m., at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by 18 Strings. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918.
- **Tuesday, May 15** – Visit the Belleville Area Lions Club meeting at 6 p.m. at Wayne County Community College (Ted Scott Campus) on Haggerty Road. There will be a speaker on Diabetes. RSVP to balclionsjo@comcast.net
- **Friday, May 18** – State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, will hold a coffee hour with constituents from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Sumpter Township Senior Center, 23501 Sumpter Road, Sumpter Township. Among other areas, he represents the tri-community.
- **Saturday, May 19** – High Tea at Cornerstone Christian Church, 44500 Willis Road, Belleville, \$5 per person. Send a check to reserve your place by May 5. High Tea attire encouraged, but not enforced. For information, call (734) 612-8858.
- **Saturday, May 19** – Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston.
- **Sunday, May 20** – Free Sunday Music, 2-5 p.m., at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Jay Frandsen/Sax. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734)

223-4824 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, June 3** – Free Sunday Music, 2-5 p.m., at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Jay Frandsen. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918.

## 'National Prescription Drug Take Back Day' is this Saturday in VBT

On Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Van Buren Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches).

This initiative addresses a vital public-safety and public-health issue. Old medications that are stored in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse.

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are disturbingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Also, misuse of prescription opioid drugs can also lead to heroin addiction. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, through the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, residents are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medication by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash, are posing potential safety and health hazards.

This is your opportunity to bring your pills for disposal to the Van Buren Township Police Department at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 28 Take Back Day event, contact Van Buren Township Police at (734) 699-8934 or go to the Drug Enforcement Agency website for more information at: [https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html)

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# Five 2018 Distinguished BHS Graduates to be inducted on Friday

Being inducted as 2018 Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates on Friday, April 27, will be: Rosemary Loria, Class of 1966 and Jack Loria, Class of 1964; Timothy Katona, Class of 1973; Lois Mida Zilka, Class of 1954; and James Sayre, Class of 1946, a posthumous honor.

## Rosemary and Jack Loria

Jack and Rosemary Loria are life-long residents of the Belleville area. Jack moved to the city of Belleville at age 2 with his family. Rosemary lived in the city with her parents until moving to Van Buren Township as a toddler.

Both attended St. Anthony Grade School and graduated from Belleville High School, he in 1964 and she in 1966.

Jack and Rosemary married in 1969 and lived in Van Buren Township until purchasing their home in the city in 1972, where they raised their two children and still reside today.

Rosemary spent most of her "work" years on Main Street: Mel's Cleaners, Young's Market, and 21 years at the H.R. Deering Agency. She retired in 2005 from Van Buren Public Schools after 10 years.

Jack spent 38 years with American Airlines. In 1974 he joined the Belleville Fire Department where he volunteered for 27 years, retiring in 2005 as Fire Chief.

Over the years, Jack and Rosemary have given many volunteer hours with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, St. Anthony School, BHS Swimming, BBHS Football, umpiring softball and baseball, BBHS musicals, and being involved with the original Strawberry Festival at St. Anthony Church.

They say being active in the city of Belleville has been a pleasure over the many years where both have served on the Planning Commission (Jack), Belleville City Council (both), and the Belleville Downtown Development Authority (Rosemary). Currently Jack is Mayor Pro-Tem on the City Council and Rosemary is Chairperson of the Belleville DDA.

Jack graduated from BHS in 1964 and from Cleary College in 1970. He was with American Airlines from 1968 to 2005 and has worked for the Van Buren Public Schools from 2007 to the present. He served on the Belleville Fire Department from 1974 to 2005 and was chief from 1993 to 2005. He is a registered official for MHSA Baseball and Softball. He has been a volunteer with BHS football for more than 20 years.

## Timothy John Katona

Timothy John Katona, BHS 1973, was proclaimed "The Pride of a Champion" in the headlines of The Toldeo Blade on Oct. 30, 1983, just a short ten years after graduation

from BHS. He trained with the finest to master the art of training and riding Reining Horses.

One must consider themselves fortunate to make a living doing what they love to do and for Tim, Reining and Training and Teaching had been inculcated at a young age with a pony at age five, then to POAs, on to Appaloosas at Quarter Horses. Competition in local and state 4-H nourished the seeds of competitiveness.

Tim graduated in June of 1973 and while friends went off to colleges and universities, he wanted to apprentice to one of the finest horse trainers in the United States, Oscar "Shorty" Russell of Brownwood, Texas. On Sept. 25, 1973, Tim left Belleville to evolve his avocation into his vocation. After years of training and competition in local, state, and National Reining events, Tim became a National Reining Horse Champion many times -- as numerous trophies, cash prizes, and tack attest.

But, Tim saw a void in Reining competition. There was no youth program. Nowhere could young people compete beyond the local level. He saw a need and set about filling it by planning, organizing, and convincing the Michigan and National Reining Horse Associations to establish a Youth Michigan Reining Horse Association competition and a Youth National Reining Horse Association competition mirroring the adult programs with trophies, tack, and cash prizes. Today -- through Tim's vision, verascity, determination, and skill -- young programs exist in all 51 states and internationally.

With the help of an avid Reiner -- Bob Evans of restaurateur fame -- Tim established a training curriculum and training sessions for potential judges state and nationwide. He conducted numerous workshops and on-site simulations that established champion standards that have upheld the test of time. He still trains students and horses in the sport of Reining at his facility located at 44641 Bemis Road, Sumpter Township.

On Feb. 10, 2017, Tim Katona was recognized as the recipient of the "2017 Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award" at the National Reining Horse Association Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas, "For his contribution to the horse loving youth of the nation."

## Lois Mida Zilka

Lois Mida Zilka, BHS Class of 1954, was born and raised at her home on Ecorse Road and attended Belleville schools from Kindergarten through 12th grade. She spent four years as a library assistant. In her senior year, she was voted in as the Y-Teen president. She performed in the junior and senior plays. Lastly, she was a part of the Girls Athletic Association (GAA).

Lois is currently involved in the preparation and organization of the Belleville All-School Reunion and the annual Class of 1954 Reunion, as well. She was instrumental in forming the Class of 1954 Reunions and hosts them at her home.

Lois was married in August of 1954 and moved to Canton Township where she still resides. She raised four children and now has seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, as well. As one of the co-founders, Lois organizes and hosts yearly family reunions.

Lois was a 4-H leader and Cub Scout den leader. She has cooked meals for the local Salvation Army church for the last 20-plus years. Lois retired in 1992 from Wayne-Westland Community Schools where she was the Pupil Accounting Secretary. Since then, she has taken on the role of Area Director for MARSP (Michigan Association for Retired School Personnel) for 13 school districts. She was awarded a certificate of dedication in volunteerism from the Wayne-Westland Head Start Program where she spent hundreds of hours volunteering. Lastly, she is a member of the Fraternal Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and received their highest form of recognition: The Degree of Chivalry.

Lois joined the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church when she was just 16 years old. She has been a staple in the church choir for over 65 years. Other church activities have included hand bell choir, giving communion to shut-in church members, Sunday School teacher and superintendent, chaperone for the youth group, and counselor for catechism camp.

**James Sayre, posthumous**  
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Jim Sayre was a 1946 graduate of BHS and attended Michigan State University for one year, having to return to the family farm to help his parents.

He was a lifetime farmer. He was past president of the Belleville Jaycees and past Rotarian in Belleville.

He served eight years as member of Van Buren School Board, was a member of the Kellogg Farmer Program, and a 16-year member of the Board of Directors for the Michigan Farm Bureau.

He was the owner and operator of Sayre's Red Barn Market and Pick-Your-Own farm.

After retirement he enjoyed restoring old tractors and was a charter member of the Tri-County Two-Cylinder Club. He also sat on the Board of Directors of the Stony Creek United Methodist Church.

## Induction ceremonies

Induction ceremonies for the Belleville High School Honor Society and the BHS Distinguished Graduates begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the BHS Auditorium.



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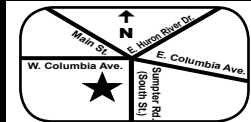
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## Shiloh Beaton to perform in 'H.M.S. Pinafore'

Shiloh Beaton of Belleville will play the part of Josephine in the Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus presentation of "H.M.S. Pinafore" at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Detroit Opera House. In the Gilbert and Sullivan classic, the ship captain's daughter Josephine is in love with a lowly sailor, but her father wants her to marry the Monarch of the Queen's Navy, Sir Joseph. More than 70 young performers, ages 10 through 16 will perform. Shiloh, 15, is the daughter of Nigel and Eloi Beaton.

## Sumpter Township Public Notice

**Sumpter Township Public Hearing**  
Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111  
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, and Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak and approximately 21 residents.

**3. Open Public Hearing:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to Open the Public Hearing. Public Hearing opened at 6:01 pm. Motion carried. Scott Holtz, Financial Director for Sumpter Township addressed the Township Board and presented the 2018-2019 budget. Mr. Holtz gave a summary of the general fund, fire fund, police fund, royalties, rubbish and water fund. General Fund expense projections were decreased by 3.3% for the 2018/2019 Budget Year. These cost savings are directly related to Auditing Services (\$25,000), salary savings of the Financial Director position (\$13,185 salary and benefits) and one-time Capital projects budgeted in 2017/2018 budget year (\$68,500). Revenue projections were decreased by 3.0%. These reductions are directly related to not transferring as much to the General Fund from the Royalties Fund (\$280,000).

-Expenses of note in the General Fund are as follows:  
1. Upgrades to the Township Board Room  
a. 11 New Board Chairs to replace worn and broken chair currently used - \$3,300  
b. 2 Flat Panel monitors for viewing presentations during meetings - \$4,000  
c. Upgrade microphone system in Township Board Room - \$11,000  
d. Upgrade Cable Station equipment for broadcasting - \$15,000 (paid by royalties from Cable Access Fees)

2. BS&A Purchasing Module - \$8,100  
3. 8 In-Car Mobile Tactical Computers - \$34,700 (paid through Forfeiture Fund)  
4. 13 Body Armor Vests - \$9,200 (paid through Forfeiture Funds with possible DOJ Grant to pay for half)

5. 2 Ford Interceptor Utilities Police Vehicles - \$64,850  
6. 100 New Folding Chairs for the Senior Center - \$2,900

Fire Fund revenue projections were decreased by 6.1% and are directly related to the one-grant for turnout gear. Expenses are also decreased (13.4%) to save for a new fire truck (earmarked for 2020).

-Items of note for the Fire Fund are as follows:

1. Fixing Tanker Truck - \$26,000  
2. Lockers for Station #2 - \$5,000  
3. Rescue Stabilization Bars - \$7,000

Currently, we are experience some drain issues at Station #1. The current bid that we have is over a

year old and is between \$7,600 and \$11,100. I have recommended to Chief Luke that we complete an RFP, complete with Pre-Bid meeting to answer any questions by contractors. This amount is NOT included in the Proposed Budget. When the recommendation is presented to the Board, we will also include a recommended budget adjustment to fund this project. Police Fund revenue projections were increased by 11.0% and are directly related to the increase in Taxable Value (2.1%) and the payment of Delinquent Property Tax from prior year (historically 8%). Expenses also increased (7.7%) which related to the transfer to the General Fund to cover additional expenses within the department. Royalty revenue projections are flat. For 2017/2018 Budget year, we have received 4 payments less than prior budget year, but still have received \$83,835 increase over prior budget year. Expenses are decreased by 2.3% which is directly related to the decreased transfer to General Fund. Rubbish fund revenue projections were increased by 16.3% and are directly related to the increase that was approved on February 20, 2018. Expense projections were increased by 1%, but we are currently negotiating terms of the Rubbish Contract with Republic Service. Water funds revenue projections were increased by 33.6% and are directly related to the infusion from the Royalties Fund to cover refinanced Debt Service (\$232,000) and an increase to water/sewer rates (13.5%). Expense projections were increased 4.1% and are directly related to an increase in maintenance projections (2.0%) and a projected water increase from GLWA (2.0%). -Items of note in the Water Fund are as follows:

4. Rehab of Martinsville Road Wet Well - \$35,000  
5. Replacement of Ventsorb Odor Control at Sumpter Road Wet Well - \$10,000

**4. Close Public Hearing:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to Close the Public Hearing. Public Hearing closed at 6:21 pm. Motion carried.

**1. Adjournment:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 6:21 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by  
Dawn Hadyniak  
Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

### Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Public Hearing Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on March 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Esther Hurst, Clerk  
Published: April 26, 2018



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## AUCTION

### PUBLIC AUCTION

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on May 12, 2018 at 12:00 p.m., Full House Self Storage at 7886 Belleville Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 is holding a public auction. Unit(s) may or may not include the following: household items, recreational items, appliances, furniture, misc.

0715, S960 & S962, Terry Booth; E208 & E210, Michael Conn; P770, John Bartush; P784, Samuel Johnson; K657, Shunya Cleveland.

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## GARAGE/YARD SALE

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DRIVERS: CDL-A. Regional. Avg \$1100-\$1200/wk gross. Home every other day. Benefits, 401k, Rider program, Prepass+. 855-612-3276 05/03

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## Sumpter Township Public Notice



**Sumpter Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**  
**23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111**  
**Minutes**

Meting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:50 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, and Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak and approximately 28 residents.

**3. Agenda:** Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:** Public comment began at 6:51 p.m. No Comments were received. Ended 6:51 p.m.

### 5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2018. Motion carried.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to accept the Parks & Recreation Minutes of January 17, 2018 with corrections. Motion carried.

**6. Warrants:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Warrants totaling \$1,286,541.61. Roll call vote: Yes: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes, P. Morgan, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:**  
A. March 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt was a great success and Thank You to the Police Department and Fire Department.

B. No Chamber reportSumpter Festival

Motion by  
C. Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion carried.

### 8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. The Master Plan is being worked on by the Planner who is updating the maps, demographics and statistics.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Planning/Zoning report. Motion carried.

### 9. Senior Report-Hurst:

A. April is Voluntary Recognition Month.

B. Tickets still available for the Senior trips.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Senior report. Motion carried.

### 10. Attorney Report-Young:

A. Republic and Library discussions coming up.

B. Consider approval of Cisco Ethernet Switch to be purchased by the Police Department, not to exceed \$2,200.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Attorney report. Motion carried.

### 11. Board Response:

A. Trustee LaPorte will be stepping down from Fire & Safety officer on the Fire Department with Board approval at next meeting.

B. Trustee Oddy thanked the Parks & Recreation for the job well done on the Easter Egg Hunt.

C. Trustee Oddy spoke about the event Belleville High School Robotics Team hosted.

### 12. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation to re-zone 3.655 acres of the property split from the southwest corner of 48651 Harris Rd. from the existing Single Family Residential (R-2) zoning district to the Agricultural (AG) zoning district with the dimensions not to exceed 419 feet by 380 feet. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the Special Land Use Permit to allow a 175 ft. communication tower facility, contingent on the property to be re-zoned to Agricultural (AG) and compliant with sections 2 and 4 from the Planner recommendations listed on page 6 of the Special Land Use and Site Plan Review packet. Motion carried.

C. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to approve the request from Collin Lynch to be demoted from Lieutenant to Firefighter. Motion carried.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the 2018-2019 Township budget. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to award the 2018-2019 insurance contract to Burnham and Flower. Motion carried.

### 13. Announcements:

A. ADA door installed and operating in the back of the Township Hall entrance.

B. Sumpter Township will be closed on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.

C. 'Pies for Paper' event will be held on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at noon in Township Board room. Toilet paper will be donated to the Community Outreach Program through the Police Department.

**14. Open Floor:** Three (3) people spoke

**15. Adjournment:** Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:18 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by

Dawn Hadyniak

Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

### Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on March 27, 2018 at 6:50 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Publish: April 26, 2018



## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 17, 2018

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Executive Assistant Selman, Public Safety Director Laurain and Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Township Attorney Kotzian and an audience of twenty-two (22).

Supervisor McNamara requested a moment of silence in memory of the Honorable William J. Szlinis retired 34<sup>th</sup> District Court judge who passed away April 13, 2018. A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Budd moved, White seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Board Meeting minutes of April 3, 2018, Prepaid List of April 5, 2018, Prepaid List of April 12, 2018 and the Voucher List of April 17, 2018]. Motion Carried.

**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Clerk Wright announced the Clerk's Office in conjunction with staff and senior students will host the Belleville High School Student Council Election on Tuesday May 8, 2018 and reminded the public that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Residents commented on the following: Displeasure with a change in the meeting protocol and policy language as it pertained to elected officials, the rush to judgment on a case that has not been adjudicated, un-ethical behavior and contact with the media, breach of public trust, Officials being held to higher standards and requests for Trustee Frazier to resign. Attorney Knappman on behalf of Trustee Frazier reminded the Board that Trustee Frazier has never been convicted of anything, that she has been advised not to speak regarding her arrest and therefore cannot defend herself, requested the Board respect the constitutional provision of innocent until proven guilty and there was no reason for the Board to proceed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Miller moved, Wright seconded to consider an amendment to the Meeting Conduct Policy (as amended) Resolution 2013-05 to approve the Process and Procedure as outlined in the Memorandum Re: Investigative Report as to Trustee Sherry Frazier. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Martin and Miller. Nays: Frazier and White. Motion Carried. The process allowed for each Board member to speak for 10 uninterrupted minutes on their determination of any violation. Trustee Frazier would then be allowed 20 uninterrupted minutes for a response and if Trustee Frazier is found in violation a penalty phase and discussion would occur. Trustee's Frazier and White stated that they had not been advised that the request for an amendment to the Meeting Conduct Policy would appear on the agenda. Trustee Frazier did not feel the process was fair. Supervisor McNamara stated several conversations regarding the process had occurred with Trustee Frazier and that Trustee White is provided meeting packets and any revisions via email as are all Board members. Supervisor McNamara provided the

background that lead to consideration of policy violations. On March 13, 2018 the Supervisor was interviewed by a Van Buren Township police officer who was investigating an assault and battery complaint filed against Trustee Frazier by Clerk Wright, which occurred following the February 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Clerk Wright claims that Trustee Frazier pushed him during the altercation. During the course of his investigation the officer ran a Computerized Criminal History (CCH) on Trustee Frazier. It was discovered that Trustee Frazier was arrested and charged with retail fraud (2<sup>nd</sup> degree) on December 31, 2017 in the City of Taylor. In the investigative report from the Macy's Loss Prevention Agent Trustee Frazier admitted to the theft. The officer reported the charge against Trustee Frazier to the Supervisor as required by the Township's Ethics Policy Resolution 2003-45. At no time did Trustee Frazier disclose this incident to the Supervisor as required in the Township's Ethics Policy. On March 16, 2018 the Supervisor met with Trustee Frazier urging her to disclose the incident. She did not. Subsequently the Supervisor notified Board members as required by the Ethics Policy. At the March 6, 2018 Board meeting, Trustee Frazier took credit for an article written about the Township in the Michigan Township Association Focus magazine. She took credit for the article and accepted thanks. It was later learned that the Assistant DDA Director was responsible for the work and getting it published. In addition, the Supervisor received written reports from other elected officials personally witnessing and confirming behavior from Trustee Frazier which was felt to be in violation not only of the Ethics Policy, but Meeting Conduct Policy as well. Supervisor McNamara informed fellow Board members of the events both verbally and by letter on March 27, 2018. These incidents are not conducive to the conduct expected of an elected official. Per the Township Ethics Policy Resolution 2003-45, the Board of Trustees must evaluate if Trustee Frazier is in violation of the policy, and thereby levy a penalty that is deemed appropriate if that is the determination.

Each Trustee made a statement addressing actions they felt were or were not in violation of either the Violence in the Workplace Policy and Ethics policy, both or neither. Board members supporting an ethics violation reiterated incidents that had occurred, behavior issues, safety concerns, lack of respect and a desire for Trustee Frazier to seek help. Board members not in support of an ethics violation reiterated the she was innocent until proven guilty, the issue was being addressed prematurely, the Township policy did not address penalties for violation and a desire to wait on a decision until after the court hearing.

Trustee Frazier explained that she intended to bring forth the charge against her after the court date at the advice of counsel, she apologized for taking credit for the MTA Focus magazine article and that she was pretty sure other Board members knew the DDA Deputy Director had authored the article at the time she jokingly took credit for it, there was no credence to Clerk Wrights allegation of assault, alluded to confidential information disclosure and unauthorized personal investigation of her, accused a Van Buren Police officer of mis-conduct and regretted deeply that she finds herself in this situation, that this all is a rush to judgment and that Clerk Wright is upset with her because she questioned his expenses. Attorney Knappman questioned the process used in obtaining the Taylor police report, distribution of the report to the public, running of a LEIN, the intensity of the legal work and requested the Board hold off until after the court hearing to make any

decision

During the deliberation Board members discussed the allegations and options of waiting until after the court date, proceeding with the violation determination, circumstances and procedures surrounding the alleged assault incident, that there is no penalty outlined in the policy, that proceedings were premature and that they should be put off until such time Trustee Frazier could speak freely, a request to remove violence in the workplace and retail fraud as they pertained to violations. Board members failed to reach a consensus on violation of the Violence in the Workplace Policy.

McNamara moved, Wright seconded that the board find that Trustee Frazier has violated the Township Ethics Policy by (1) Engaging in conduct on December 31, 2017 that led to Trustee Frazier being arrested and charged with retail fraud in the City of Taylor (2) Failing to notify the Supervisor of the events of December 31, 2017 and (3) repeatedly and dishonestly taking credit at the March 6, 2018 Board meeting for the creation and placement of a favorable "Township in the Spotlight" article related to the Township in the March 2018 edition of Michigan Township Focus, the official publication. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, and Miller. Nays: White and Martin. Motion Carried.

During the penalty phase Board members discussed the limitations of the scope of penalty and/or censure, the law as it pertained to the Board's inability to remove an elected official from office, referral to a higher authority, further investigation, deeming no action, ability to impose reasonable, just and appropriate penalties, censure by resolution, removal from water and sewer board, placing limitations on representation and training.

Trustee Frazier read a statement in which she regretted finding herself in this situation that embarrassed her, her family, friends and the Township, that an apology takes courage and it is never easy to admit you may have done something embarrassing or dishonest, that it takes great strength to restore damage to a relationship, that the offense she is accused of does not represent who she is or what she was brought up to be, that it is not how we make a mistake but how we correct them that defines us, that mistakes are forgivable and that if she fails to apologize resentment will build personally and in the workplace. She apologized for any mistakes, she has sought counselling and understands how hurtful it was to others and the citizens of Van Buren Township, that God has forgiven her and she asked the fellow Trustees and the community to forgive her. In conclusion she is committed to restoring the faith in her, doing her part in making a difference in the community and moving forward.

Supervisor McNamara recessed the meeting at 9:07 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:14 p.m. Discussion continued on whether the Board wished to impose immediate sanctions. Supervisor McNamara made a motion to disallow Trustee Frazier to attend the upcoming Michigan Association Conference. Motion failed for lack of support. Trustee Frazier inquired if she could attend the conference and pay for it herself. Board members indicated that she could and therefore imposing a sanction not allowing her attend was meaningless. Board members unanimously agreed that they needed to move forward, iron out difference, stop the gotcha moments, attend training and put lessons learned into practice, stop the cat calls and acquisitions and treat each other with respect.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS):** The public commented on the following: displeasure in the Board's actions, investigation exhibit that

meant nothing, ethics policy as it pertained to legal actions, Township policies pertaining to employees and not elected officials, a storm still brewing, need for a penalty and discipline, a request for the Board to look at themselves before doing anything, first amendment rights to speak, desire for a Board policy handbook and ethics ordinance.

Board members reached a consensus that a Resolution would be presented at a future meeting reflecting the ethics violation and any censure or penalty that would be imposed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Miller moved, Martin adjourn at 9:56 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
Publish: April 26, 2018

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 30 – Special 6 p.m. meeting of Belleville City Council to consider 2018-19 budget. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.

- Monday, May 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m. but will start early at 6 p.m. to discuss budget.

- Tuesday, May 8 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter meetings cancelled because of Airport Schools election.

- Wednesday, May 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, May 10 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, May 14 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.

- Tuesday, May 15 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, May 16 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

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# **City of Belleville** **Public Notice**

## **CITY OF BELLEVILLE** **Regular City Council Meeting Minutes** **Monday, April 2, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

### **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Council Member Fielder  | Present |
| Council Member Marcotte | Present |
| Council Member Smith    | Present |
| Mayor Pro Tem Loria     | Present |
| Mayor Conley            | Present |

### **3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS** Presentations None

Council follow up list

Mayor Conley asked for a revision to the Council

Follow Up List to include staff assignment names

and due dates. She requested a date for when the

new website will "go live."

Citizen Comments

Julie Balestrieri and Kelly Bates addressed Council

regarding their efforts to bring a community garden

to Village Park, which they say the community

is very interested in supporting. City Manager Kollmeyer stated that the recommendation should come from the Parks & Recreation Commission, as a group.

Brian Loranger stated that Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter Townships, and Romulus firefighters battled a fire in the city on Friday but that the house was a total loss.

Adam Younglove, Michigan Marine Services, stated that he believed the Doane's Landing Seawall could be repaired (rather than rebuilt), and that he could repair both the City and Condo Association's seawalls for \$90,000.

### **4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to revise the agenda by dividing 8C as follows: add 1. DUWA Definitive Transfer Agreement and 2. Resolution to Authorize City Representatives.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of March 19th, 2018.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

### **7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES** None

### **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

A. Open Bids for Doane's Landing Seawall Project

City Clerk Sherri Scharf opened two bids for the

seawall project as follows:

1. Lakeside Landscaping, Taylor MI, for \$295,000

2. Todd's Services, Hamburg MI, for \$365,589

Adam Younglove from Michigan Marine Services,

who spoke earlier in the meeting, did not come

forward with a formal bid or proposal at this time.

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to refer bids to

Administration for review and to look at alternate

proposals, if desired.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Vacation of a Portion of Fourth Street

Motion by Loria, second by Marcotte to adopt

Resolution No. 18-035 calling for a Public Hearing

on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. to receive public input

on vacating a portion of Fourth Street.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority

(DUWA)

1. DUWA Definitive Transfer Agreement

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to adopt

Resolution No. 18-036 endorsing the Downriver

Sewage Disposal System Definitive Transfer

Agreement between Wayne County and DUWA.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Resolution to Authorize City Representatives

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to adopt

Resolution No. 18-037 authorizing Mayor Kerreen

Conley as the City's representative to the DUWA

Board.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. FY 2018-19 Budget Schedule

After a brief discussion among City Manager

Kollmeyer, Mayor Conley and the City Council

members, a consensus was reached as follows:

- FY 2018-19 Budget presentation is scheduled for

April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

- First budget review session is scheduled for May

7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., preceding the regular business meeting

at 7:30 p.m.

### **9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE &**

### **DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES**

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve

Resolution No. 18-038 for accounts payable and

purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$70,206.72.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn

meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: April 16, 2018

Published: April 26, 2018

## **September Days sets annual**

## **Flea Market, May 3, 4**

September Days Senior Center will hold

its annual Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. on Thursday and Friday, May 3 and 4.

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# **Sumpter Township Public Notice**

## **NOTICE OF ELECTION** **TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE** **TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER WITHIN THE AIRPORT** **COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON

**TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018**  
**FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON  
ONE (1) AIRPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BONDING PROPOSAL  
(SEE BELOW FOR SUMMARY).

### **PRECINCTS AND POLLING LOCATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **SUMPTER TOWNSHIP:**

1. Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road (Precinct 1 & 3)

*This polling location is accessible to voters with disabilities. The ICX (Imagecast) voter assist terminal, Braille and audio instruction are also available in all polling locations.*

#### **PROPOSAL SUMMARY:**

AIRPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BONDING PROPOSAL

PURPOSE TO ERECT ADDITIONS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS,  
REMODELING SCHOOL BUILDINGS; AND PREPARING, DEVELOPING,  
IMPROVE AND EQUIPPED PLAYGROUND AND SITES

#### **The following is for informational purposes only:**

THE ESTIMATED MILLAGE THAT WILL BE LEVIED FOR THE PROPOSED BONDS IN 2018, UNDER CURRENT LAW, IS 1.13 MILLS (\$1.13 ON EACH \$1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUATION) FOR A .95 MILL NET INCREASE OVER THE PRIOR YEAR'S LEVY. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS THE BONDS MAY BE OUTSTANDING, EXCLUSIVE OF ANY REFUNDING, IS TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS. THE ESTIMATED SIMPLE AVERAGE ANNUAL MILLAGE ANTICIPATED TO BE REQUIRED TO RETIRE THIS BOND DEBT IS 1.71 MILLS (\$1.71 ON EACH \$1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUATION).

--Yes --No

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Clerk's office of Sumpter Township, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111, and telephone: (734) 461-6201 ext. 2243.

Publish: April 26, 2018

Posted: April 16, 2018

# **Sumpter Township Public Notice**

## **TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER** **NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST**

A Public Accuracy Test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulation equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the Special Election to be held on May 8, 2018 in Sumpter Township, Wayne County.

**The Public Accuracy Test will be held on**  
**Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 1:00 pm**

**Located at:**

**Sumpter Township**  
**Boardroom**  
**23480 Sumpter Road**  
**Belleville, MI 48111**

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, (MCL 41.72a(2)(3)) and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The Township of Sumpter will provide in accordance with the Disabilities Act a reasonable accommodation with advanced notice to the Clerk's Office. The public is welcomed to attend. For further information contact: Esther Hurst, Clerk at 734-461-6201.

Esther Hurst  
Clerk  
Sumpter Township

Publish: April 26, 2018

Posted: April 20, 2018

## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 427 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

### Sunday, April 15:

0032 -- miscellaneous complaint, Riggs Park  
0121 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0240 -- disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0543 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Tompkins St.  
0700 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Endicott St.  
0714 -- road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Riggs Rd.  
0715 -- road hazard, Savage Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
0926 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0929 -- road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Bemis Rd.  
1149 -- assist fire dept., Belleville/Yost  
1346 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1451 -- property damage accident, W I-94 / Haggerty  
1517 -- assist other dept., Bemis Rd.  
1913 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hampton Dr.  
2218 -- property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Charter Club Dr.

### Monday, April 16:

0038 -- harassment call, Victoria St.  
0253 -- breaking & entering, Denton Rd.  
0511 -- missing person, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0901 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Lighthouse Dr.  
0926 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1002 -- larceny, E. Archwood Dr.  
1058 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275  
1134 -- 911 welfare check, Samuel Barton Dr.  
1225 -- sexual assault, Winchester St.  
1339 -- ordinance violation, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
1604 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1700 -- road hazard, Beck Rd./Van Born Rd.  
1943 -- assist other dept., Savage Rd./Colonial Rd.  
2009 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Basswood Cir.  
2145 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Greenbriar Dr.

### Tuesday, April 17:

0058 -- mental subject, N. Woodbury Dr.  
0731 -- personal injury accident, Hannan/I-275  
0811 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. / Ashbury Dr.  
0842 -- property damage accident, Hannan/I-275  
1021 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
1128 -- private property impound, W. Huron River  
1509 -- domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1752 -- disorderly, Berkdale Dr.  
1827 -- animal complaint, Van Buren Ct.  
1848 -- larceny, E. Sadie Ln.  
1849 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Ecorse Rd.  
1941 -- assault & battery, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1945 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park  
2055 -- road hazard, Bemis Rd./Renton Rd./  
2253 -- noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
2310 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belmont Dr.  
2347 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

### Wednesday, April 18:

0116 -- property check, Riggs Park  
0147 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Chester Ct. / Colonial Rd.  
0602 -- abandoned auto, Briarcliff Dr.  
0913 -- suicidal person, Sumpter Rd.  
1149 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Arthur Ct. / Arthur  
1258 -- road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1328 -- ordinance violation, Dewitt Rd.  
1619 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood Dr.  
1736 -- domestic, Lighthouse  
1820 -- threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1930 -- threat, Dewitt Rd.  
2035 -- property damage accident, Beck Rd.  
2056 -- malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.  
2230 -- domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2327 -- property check, Riggs Park

### Thursday, April 19:

0143 -- miscellaneous complaint, Riggs Park  
0301 -- 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr./Tyler  
0439 -- property damage accident, Jackson St.  
0837 -- domestic, McBride  
1014 -- threat, Sumpter Rd.  
1020 -- private property impound, Van Born Rd.  
1028 -- fraud, N. Woodbury Dr.  
1103 -- abandoned auto, Hamlin St.  
1156 -- fraud, Rawsonville Rd.

1209 -- ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd.  
1231 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.  
1257 -- disorderly, Haggerty Rd.  
1302 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Borgman Rd.  
1435 -- traffic offense, I-94/Willow Run  
1506 -- mental subject, Alba Ct.  
1541 -- disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.  
1542 -- property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

1553 -- fraud, Denton Rd.  
1822 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belmont Dr.  
1904 -- larceny, Lake Villa Dr.  
1908 -- private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
1927 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1939 -- felony assault, Belleville Rd.  
1943 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1952 -- mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2035 -- mental subject, Edwards Rd.  
2047 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. I-94 / Belleville  
2125 -- mental subject, Daniel Dr.  
2222 -- shooting, Haggerty Rd.  
2225 -- personal injury accident, Hannan/Ecorse

### Friday, April 20:

0007 -- property check, Riggs Park  
0041 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Beckley  
0638 -- larceny, Van Born  
0819 -- disorderly, Rawsonville  
0845 -- domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
0933 -- domestic, Belleville Rd.  
1133 -- assist other dept., Robbe St.  
1220 -- 911 welfare check, Trilogy Apts. / Archwood  
1225 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.  
1323 -- traffic offense, Sheldon Rd./Beverly Rd.  
1406 -- fraud, Coolidge St.  
1604 -- assist other dept., Bemis  
1644 -- trespassing, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1759 -- assist other dept., Winchester St.  
1813 -- parking complaint, Stratford Dr.  
1829 -- domestic, Tyler Rd.  
1834 -- trespassing, Rose Blvd.  
1906 -- traffic offense, Belleville/WB I-94  
1935 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2003 -- property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.

2016 -- family trouble, Andover Dr.  
2020 -- narcotics crime, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2034 -- shooting, E. Huron River Dr.  
2124 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Timberland Dr.  
2206 -- operating while intoxicated, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2255 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St.  
2302 -- traffic offence, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.

### Saturday, April 21:

0017 -- trespassing, Haggerty Rd.  
0028 -- malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.  
0332 -- family trouble, Jackson St.  
0335 -- trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0510 -- domestic, McBride Ave.  
0514 -- property check, Riggs Heritage Park  
0920 -- property damage accident, Arlene Ln.  
0945 -- animal complaint, Ecorse Rd.  
1118 -- larceny, Sheldon Rd.  
1126 -- dumping complaint, Sheldon Rd.  
1206 -- breaking & entering, Kennedy Ct.  
1212 -- family trouble, Jackson St.  
1350 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
1701 -- juvenile complaint, Lohr  
1754 -- hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1815 -- larceny, Holly Ln.  
1930 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1928 -- animal complaint, Ayres Ave.  
2150 -- shooting, Maurice Dr.  
2159 -- animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
2226 -- juvenile complaint, Jackson/McBride  
2238 -- personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
2306 -- assist other dept., S. Ponderosa Trl.  
2323 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 131 traffic stops, 40 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, April 15:

0924 -- road hazard, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.  
1002 -- assist fire dept., Robbe St./Bedell St.  
1012 -- assist fire dept., Madelon St.

1157 -- larceny, Carmell St.  
1407 -- assist fire dept., Church St.  
1646 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
2212 -- welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
**Monday, April 16:**  
0004 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Third St.  
0021 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Liberty/Fourth  
0209 -- noise complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.  
0240 -- suspicious person/vehicle, High St.  
0705 -- assist fire dept., Church St.  
0934 -- suicidal person, Carmell St.  
1152 -- welfare check, South St.  
1503 -- vehicle lockout, S. Edgemont Ave.  
2115 -- property damage accident, Main St. / E. Huron River Dr.

### Tuesday, April 17:

0815 -- assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.  
1019 -- disorderly, E. Columbia Ave.  
1429 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.  
1820 -- assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.  
2035 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Fourth St.  
2151 -- assist fire dept., High St.  
2229 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.

### Wednesday, April 18:

1244 -- assist fire dept., Second  
1353 -- malicious destruction of property, W. Davis St.  
1357 -- warrant arrest, Taylor Police  
1459 -- assault & battery, Owen St.  
1522 -- property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave. / High St.  
1602 -- juvenile complaint, E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont Ave.  
1735 -- traffic offense, Third St./Church St.  
1757 -- trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.  
1905 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

### Thursday, April 19:

1007 -- assault & battery, Sumpter  
1012 -- disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.  
1013 -- disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.  
1148 -- disorderly, McBride  
1150 -- vehicle lock out, Roland St.  
1752 -- domestic, N. Edgemont Ave.  
1956 -- civil matter, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
2043 -- missing person, S. Aberdeen Ct.

### Friday, April 20:

0052 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.  
1007 -- assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.  
1130 -- breaking & entering, Robbe St.  
1325 -- private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.  
1457 -- assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1932 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
2021 -- parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

### Saturday, April 21:

0006 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1025 -- animal complaint, Affordable Vet  
1436 -- disorderly, Henry St./South St.  
1809 -- intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
2002 -- assist citizen, Henry St.  
2212 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River

Also on this log are 42 traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, April 8:

1320 -- well-being check, Carriage Ln.  
1503 -- fire dept. assist, California  
1527 -- animal complaint, Wear/Sumpter  
1810 -- assist other agency, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1841 -- ordinance violation, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
2000 -- traffic hazard, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
2021 -- reckless driver, Rawsonville/Willis  
2046 -- disorderly person, Stonecrest  
2130 -- disorderly person, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2342 -- family trouble, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

### Monday, April 9:

0009 -- family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
0949 -- suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
1315 -- civil dispute, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1713 -- animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville  
1752 -- juvenile complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville  
2252 -- family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2359 -- family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

### Tuesday, April 10:

0824 -- noise complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville  
1254 -- property damage accident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1303 -- suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.

1427 -- fraud complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1813 -- reckless driver, Sumpter/Willow  
2312 -- warrant arrest pick up, Willis/Rawsonville

### Wednesday, April 11:

0200 -- assist other agency, out of township  
0542 -- animal complaint, Sumpter/Judd  
0728 -- assault, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
0840 -- noise complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville  
1037 -- suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1118 -- shots fired, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1145 -- animal bite, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1703 -- citizen assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1715 -- fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1742 -- civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
1806 -- 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1839 -- subpoena service, Rustic Ln.

### Thursday, April 12:

0355 -- alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0926 -- reckless driver, Sumpter/Judd  
1234 -- subpoena service, Country Club Blvd.  
1623 -- animal complaint, Martinsville/Judd  
1929 -- warrant arrest pick up, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1940 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1943 -- suspicious incident, Wear/Elwell  
1947 -- ordinance violation, 46000 bl. Executive  
2150 -- family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

### Friday, April 13:

0936 -- noise complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville  
1117 -- animal complaint, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.  
1257 -- fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1329 -- noise complaint, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1408 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1427 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1453 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1505 -- property damage accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1519 -- suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1603 -- animal complaint, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz  
1652 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1725 -- animal complaint, 27000 bl. Karr Rd.  
2120 -- fire dept. assist, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

### Saturday, April 14:

0140 -- well-being check, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
0241 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
0617 -- fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1406 -- 911 hang up, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1509 -- trespassing complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood  
1513 -- fraud complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1610 -- suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1831 -- malicious destruction of property, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.

2114 -- threats complaint, Texas  
2305 -- alarm, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.

Also on the week's log are nine follow-up investigations, 26 miscellaneous details, 78 patrol checks, and 41 traffic stops.

### Sunday, April 15:

0017 -- mental health commitment, 51000 bl. Willis  
0256 -- assist other agency, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
0333 -- family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0754 -- down wires, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0822 -- traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Oakville Waltz  
0822 -- traffic hazard, Bemis/Haggerty  
0826 -- alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0831 -- down wires, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0842 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0844 -- traffic hazard, Martinsville/Judd  
0919 -- down wires, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1014 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1030 -- traffic hazard, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1102 -- fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1144 -- alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1203 -- fire assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1233 -- down wires, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1247 -- 911 hangup, Edgewood  
1300 -- found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1322 -- traffic hazard, Haggerty/Harris  
1455 -- fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1532 -- well-being check, First St.  
1628 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1744 -- fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1902 -- fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1945 -- down wires, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1956 -- larceny, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2008 -- animal complaint, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2049 -- fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2358 -- alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

### Monday, April 16:

0037 -- assist other agency, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
0112 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0745 -- citizen assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.

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# Lace Up 4 Pediatric Cancer

Belleville High School vs. Romulus High School  
Wednesday, May 2 at 4:00 p.m.

Players will be wearing **Gold Shoelaces** in support of pediatric cancer.  
\$5 Shoelaces and wristbands will be on sale at the game  
100% of all donations and money raised will stay  
in Michigan to support local children.

Raffle tickets will be sold during the game. Here is a list of available prizes that  
have been donated by local groups and businesses:

- Egan's Pub Gift Certificate
- Garden Fantasy Gift Certificate "Just in time for Mother's Day"
- Tigers Tickets/Memorabilia (donated by Van Buren Area Little League)
- Voucher for a Student Parking Spot for the 2018-2019 School Year (donated by BHS)
- Entry to all home athletic events for 2018-2019 (donated by BHS Athletics)
- Prom Tickets (donated by BHS Student Council)
- Prize Basket (donated by A Design Line Embroidery)

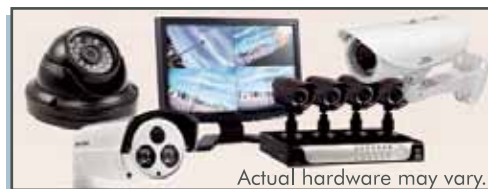
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0812 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis  
0842 -- assault, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1044 -- citizen assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1245 -- civil dispute, Rustic Ln.  
1305 -- suspicious person, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1309 -- citizen assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1331 -- larceny, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1435 -- fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1837 -- runaway juvenile, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1855 -- fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1932 -- runaway juvenile, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
2026 -- suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.  
2209 -- fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2249 -- fire dept. assist, Walnut

### Tuesday, April 17:

0021 -- assist other agency, Bemis/Sumpter  
0033 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
0805 -- traffic hazard, Haggerty/Willow  
0843 -- property damage accident, Bemis/Lohr  
1318 -- alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1422 -- animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1429 -- alarm, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1540 -- fire dept. assist, Creekside  
1541 -- alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1545 -- alarm, 45000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1606 -- citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1755 -- suspicious person, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.  
1814 -- fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville  
1923 -- civil dispute, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2059 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

### Wednesday, April 18:

0017 -- citizen assist, Bemis/Lohr  
0428 -- suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Martinsville  
0852 -- suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1025 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1027 -- citizen assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1231 -- suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Martinsville  
1311 -- citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1643 -- assist other agency, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1914 -- animal complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
2005 -- fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
2143 -- suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sherwood  
2218 -- reckless driver, Sumpter/Willow  
2219 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

### Thursday, April 19:

0805 -- noise complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville  
1333 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1613 -- property damage accident, Rustic Ln.  
1642 -- fraud complaint, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1733 -- animal complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1826 -- trespassing complaint, Rustic Ln.  
1901 -- alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2013 -- family trouble, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
2042 -- fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

### Friday, April 20:

0149 -- assist other agency, out of township  
0352 -- family trouble, Carriage Ln.  
1234 -- warrant arrest pick up, 19000 bl. Sumpter  
1407 -- alarm, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1539 -- fire dept. assist, Creekside

1549 -- trespassing complaint, Montana  
1638 -- fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1935 -- ordinance violation, Dakota Ct.  
2040 -- warrant arrest pick up, 43000 bl. Harris

### Saturday, April 21:

0048 -- traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.  
0928 -- dumping complaint, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1025 -- family trouble, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1327 -- ORV complaint, Martinsville/Willow  
1627 -- family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood  
1723 -- citizen assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1803 -- animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2028 -- fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2102 -- assist other agency, out of township

Also on this week's log are seven follow-up investigations, 25 miscellaneous details, 80 patrol checks; and 42 traffic stops.

## Belleville fire fighters respond to Co-op fire, homeless man's shelter

Residents of the Belleville Co-op apartments, 575 Sumpter Road, had a meeting on Monday to discuss the stove fire on the third floor Friday that led to water damage in six to seven apartments.

Residents said that since many of them are now getting mail saying they are in Van Buren Township, the VBT Fire Department should be covering their apartment structure, since it is just down the road on their side of the railroad tracks.

The Co-op is located within the city of Belleville and the Belleville Fire Department put out the fire, after a slight delay, according to a resident. A spokesman for the fire department was unavailable for comment.

Also on Friday, at about 7:30 p.m., Belleville fire fighters were called to a fire in the makeshift structure in the woods behind the Sumpter Road carwash that houses a homeless man. Michael Wright told fire fighters he had been gone since 7 a.m. that day and was gone all day. The fire destroyed everything.

Wright said he had run some kids off recently, but fire fighters are unsure of what caused the blaze.

## Detroit Seminoles play Columbus Fire at BHS at Sat. football game

The Detroit Seminoles football club will play its season opener at Belleville High School. This is a benefit game to support the Belleville football program.

Game day is Saturday, April 28, at 7 p.m. Cost for the game is \$5 each.

The Seminoles will play against the defending National Champion, Columbus Fire. For more information, see [DetroitSeminoles.org](http://DetroitSeminoles.org).

## Harbour Club Ladies Golf League seeking members

The Harbour Club Ladies Golf League is looking for new members who can play Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. The league is open to all abilities. Play begins Wednesday, May 2, and continues for 18 weeks. Those interested are invited to call Dee Crowe at (734) 699-2750.

**SEPTEMBER DAYS**  
SENIOR CENTER  
46425 Tyler Rd  
Van Buren Township

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**May 3rd, 2018**

**Friday**  
**May 4th, 2018**

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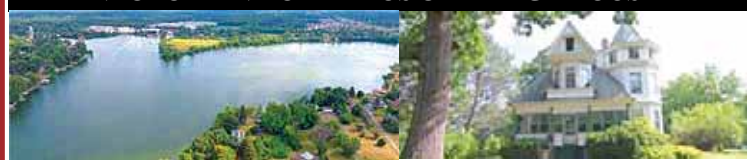
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